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SIR:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure according to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97, and §1.98, Applicant forwarded an Information Disclosure Statement to the United States Patent and Trademark Office earlier today (July 5, 2002) that presented six (6) prior art references believed, at this time, to be relevant to the subject matter of the instant patent application. A copy of the PTO-1449 (equivalent) form, which was annexed to the said Information Disclosure Statement, is enclosed.

The enclosed references were cited in an International Search Report performed by the European Patent Office and mailed on April 5, 2002. The International Search Report was not received until subsequent to the issuance of a Final Office Action (April 7, 2002). The Information Disclosure Statement of earlier today was accompanied by the required Statement under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(d) and (e). However, Applicant inadvertently failed to authorize the Commissioner to charge the fee (\$180) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) to Applicant's Deposit Account

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50-0720. Therefore, this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed to fully comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d). Of course, the Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees required to comply with the rules to the said account.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner examine the present application, allow the claims, and pass the application for issue. If the Examiner believes that the prosecution of this case can be expedited by a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated hereinbelow.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: July 5, 2002

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